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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, -7, 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, -7, 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/7/07 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mizutome et al (hereinafter Mizutome), US 2002/0078447.

- In regards to claims 1, 5, 6, and 9 Mizutome teaches an electronic apparatus comprising: a display controlling means for controlling the display of an image on a screen (Figure 19 and 20); a housing means for housing a plurality of types of constitutive elements for generating a program for displaying an image on said screen, and for housing selected display information for a constitutive element from said plurality of types of constitutive elements on said

screen (Figure 19 and 20); a selection means for selecting a first constitutive element displaying screen layout options on said screen, and a second constitutive element displaying categories of information and additional constitutive elements, dependent upon the selection of the second constitutive element, displaying additional information, including sub-categories of the selected category and sources for representing information related to the selected category (Figure 3, and page 4 paragraph [0085] -page 5 paragraph [0088]); and a generation means for generating a new display based on a result of the selection means and for generating said program based on said information (page 4 paragraph [0085] -page 5 paragraph [0088]).

- In regards to claims 2 and 7, Mizutome teaches wherein said selection means selects and displays on said display section a plurality of selected display information from said plurality of selected display information housed in said housing means, if there is a plurality of selected display information housed in said housing means (Figure 19 and 20).
- In regards to claim 4, Mizutome teaches wherein said housing means houses a program generated by said generation means (page 4 paragraphs [0075] and [0083]).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/7/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Mizutome does not teach "additional constitutive elements that dependent upon the selection of the second constitutive element and

display additional information including sub-categories of the selected category and sources for presenting information related to the selected category.”

Examiner disagrees. Mizutome teaches “additional constitutive elements (genre of program or channel, title, channel number, etc.(page 4 paragraph [0085])) that dependent upon the selection of the second constitutive element (kind of media (Figure 3 and page 4 paragraph [0085])) and display additional information including sub-categories of the selected category and sources for presenting information related to the selected category (types of media input and their respective display parameters, audio parameters and viewing and listening time, etc. (Figure 3)).” Therefore, Mizutome meets the claim limitations of claims 1, 5, 6, and 9 and its dependent thereon.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shashi K. Becker whose telephone number is 571-272-8919. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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